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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 11, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

GENERAL SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

At page 1 of the specification, before the title of the invention, please insert the following priority claim:

E1 --This application is a §371 application of PCT/GB97/01819 filed July 4, 1997, which in turn claims priority to GB 9710962.3 filed May 28, 1997, GB9614189.0 filed July 5, 1996, and US Provisional Application 60/024,188 filed August 19, 1996.--

At page 1, line 1 of the specification, please replace the title of the invention with the following:
Hybrid Polyketide Synthases Combining Heterologous Loading and Extender Modules

At the end of the specification at page 136, please insert a copy of the abstract which is attached hereto on a separate sheet.

At page 19, line 37, please insert the following:
E2 Brief Description of the Drawings.

At page 21, lines 36-37 over to page 22, line 2, please delete the references to Figs. 33 and 34.